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SUBJECT: COLLECTIVE HOG RAISING, THE PRC MEANS TO MECHANIZATION

SUMMARY: ACCUMULATING COLLECTIVE FUNDS TO PAY FOR MECHANIZATION IS ONE OF THE GOALS CITED FOR INCREASING THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTIVE HOG RAISING. PROPAGANDA ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT, HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT STATE EFFORTS ARE RUNNING INTO PEASANT RESISTANCE. AN ATTACK ON THIS "UN-HEALTHY" CAPITALIST TENDENCY TO FAVOR INDIVIDUAL PIG RAISING LENDS ITSELF TO LEFTIST AIMS TO TIGHTEN UP ON "IDEOLOGICAL BACKSLIDING" IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. END SUMMARY

1. A BROADCAST FROM HEILUNGKIANG, REFERRING TO A "NEW LEAP FORWARD" IN THE PIG-RAISING INDUSTRY, CLAIMS THAT A "NEW STAGE" IN PIG RAISING HAS DEVELOPED AND THAT THE GOAL OF ONE HOG PER CAPITA, THE "ONE MAN, ONE PIG" CAMPAIGN, AT THE COMMUNE AND PRODUCTION TEAM LEVEL HAS BEEN MADE A TARGET AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AS WELL. IT POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT "CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT" OF PIG RAISING IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, LARGE-SCALE, RAPID PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE, IMPROVEMENT IN THE PEOPLE'S

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LIVING CONDITIONS AND THE REQUIREMENT OF FOREIGN AID.

PUT MORE CONCRETELY, WITH "EVERY COMMUNE AND PRODUCTION TEAM" OPERATING PIG RAISING FACILITIES IN A "BIG WAY" THEY CAN "EXPAND THE SOURCES OF FERTILIZER, ACCUMULATE FUNDS FOR MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE, "I.I. PROFITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTIVE USE) AND IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS BY "RAISING MORE FAT PIGS." (RS OCTOBER 29).

2. THESE ARE ALL AREAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE PRC. THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING-COLLECTIVE HOG RAISING IS UNDERLINED BY THE ISSUING OF A CENTRAL DIRECTIVE ON HOG RAISING AND THE DEVELOPING BY AT LEAST ONE PROVINCE OF A TEN-YEAR PLAN FOR HOG RAISING (TSINGHAI RS OCTOBER 14). IN SHANGHAI'S MODEL COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE STATED GOAL IS 1.5 PIGS PER MAN BY 1980, - 26 PERCENT INCREASE.

3. THE PRBLEM IS THAT STATE EFFORTS TO EXPAND COLLECTIVE PIG RAISING IN ORDER TO ACCUMULATE MORE FUNDS OFTEN CONFLICT WITH INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS ALONG THE SAME LINES. THE LINE AT PRESENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST PRIVATE PIG RAISING AS SUCH; IT IS INSTEAD QUESTION OF EMPHASIS. TO RELY SIMPLY ON PIG RAISING BY HOUSEHOLDS AND IGNORE OR BELITTLE COLLECTIVE RAISING IS A COURSE THAT WOULD "LEAD PIG RAISING INTO CAPITALISM." AS THE HEILUNGKIANG BROADCAST PUTS IT, PIG RAISING HAS BECOME A MATTER OF FOLLOWING THE CORRECT IDEOLOGICAL LINE AND THE STRUGGLE IS STILL "VERY ACUTE"--A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE STATE'S EFFORTS ARE MEETING RESISTANCE.

4. SINCE JUNE 1961 IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GREAT LEAP, PRIVATE RAISING OF HOGS HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO CO-EXIST WITH COLLECTIVE RAISING AT THE PRODUCTION TEAM AND BRIGADE LEVEL. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT IT NOW MAY BE VIEWED AS AN OBSTACLE TO THE NEXT STAGE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT--MECHANIZATION--FOR WHICH INCREASING LOCAL FUNDS IS ESSENTIAL. AN ATTACK ON THIS "UNHEALTHY" CAPITALIST TENDENCY ALSO LENDS ITSELF EASILY TO LEFTIST AIMS TO TIGHTEN UP "IDEOLOGICAL BACKSLIDING" THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

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5. THE PHRASE "NEW LEAP FORWARD" HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPEARING WITH INCREASED FREQUENCY IN A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC CONTEXTS. WHILE IT MAY SIGNAL A SHIFT IN THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERSHIP ON PROBLEMS IN THE RURAL AREAS-- A SECTOR THAT HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION--IT DOES NOT NOW APPEAR TO SIGNIFY A COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OF THE "GREAT LEAP FORWARD" STYLE.

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